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# SPARKY WATTS

by  
Boody  
Rogers

Dear Sparky: South Bend, Ind.  
My two children and I follow your adventures every month in Big Shot Comics, and we feel that you are a very close friend, so your problem touches us very deeply.

I was engaged to a boy who was injured in World War I. The doctors said he would be a wheelchair invalid for life, but I married him just the same. I'm sure my love and care helped him get well. He walks now with only a slight limp and is a wonderful husband and father. Marry Dotty and help her get well. Please don't publish my name.

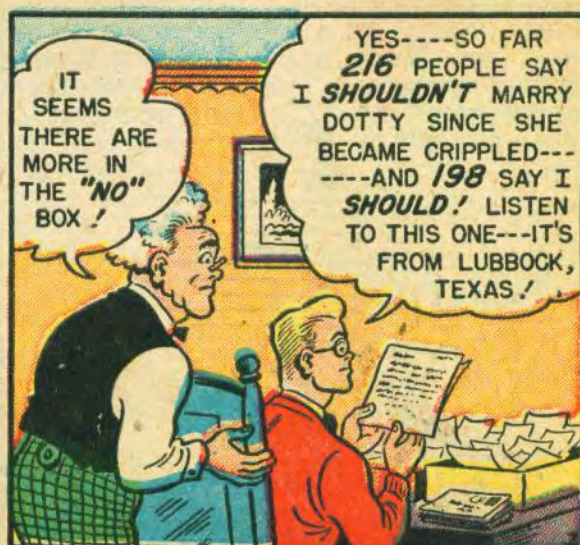
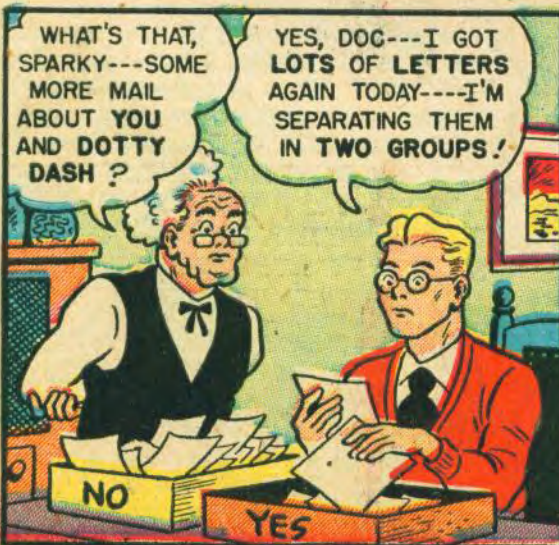
Mrs. [REDACTED]

WHAT'S THAT, SPARKY---SOME MORE MAIL ABOUT YOU AND DOTTY DASH ?

YES, DOC---I GOT LOTS OF LETTERS AGAIN TODAY---I'M SEPARATING THEM IN TWO GROUPS!

IT SEEMS THERE ARE MORE IN THE "NO" BOX !

YES---SO FAR 216 PEOPLE SAY I **SHOULDN'T** MARRY DOTTY SINCE SHE BECAME CRIPPLED---AND 198 SAY I **SHOULD!** LISTEN TO THIS ONE---IT'S FROM LUBBOCK, TEXAS!





"DEAR SPARKY---**BOY!** ARE YOU IN A PICKLE?!" I KNEW A GIRL WHO WAS HURT IN A BASKETBALL GAME AND HER BOY FRIEND **MARRIED** HER EVEN THOUGH ALL HIS FRIENDS ADVISED HIM **AGAINST IT!** THE GIRL GOT WELL OKAY---BUT STILL **PRETENDS HER BACK HURTS** AND WON'T LIFT HER LITTLE PINKY TO EVEN WASH HER **OWN DIRTY DISHES**-----"

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The boy works ten hours a day earning her a living, plus waiting on her and doing all the housework and he's becoming a WRECK himself while she lies around reading books, listening to the radio, and eating Chocolates! So my advice is Never marry an invalid unless there's no possible way to avoid it!

Sincerely yours,  
Lloyd Barnett.

THAT'S AN EXTREME CASE, SPARKY----BUT MR. BARNETT IS RIGHT! PLEASE **DON'T MARRY DOTTY** UNLESS SHE FIRST GETS WELL!

LISTEN TO THIS LETTER, DOC!

"DEAR SPARKY--PLEASE MARRY DOTTY! A LITTLE THING LIKE A **BROKEN BACK** SHOULDN'T KEEP TWO PEOPLE APART WHO REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER. I'M SURE MY HUSBAND **FELL ON HIS HEAD** WHEN HE WAS A BABY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE **ENOUGH SENSE** TO HOLD A JOB A WEEK. I DO SEWING AND TAKE IN WASHING, AND MY DARLING HUSBAND DELIVERS THE PACKAGES FOR ME---WHEN HIS HEAD **ISN'T ACHING**---WHICH IS **MOST OF THE TIME**. I WANT YOU TO MARRY DOTTY SO THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY ELSE WHO IS AS **MISERABLE** AS I AM!  
YOURS TRULY,  
**TIED TILLY.**"

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GAG---BUT IT MAKES SENSE! YOU WOULD BE MISERABLE TO THE **LAST DAY OF YOUR LIFE**!!

NO, DOC---I WOULD FEEL THAT I HAD DONE THE HONORABLE THING BY MARRYING DOTTY--AND PERHAPS MY LOVE AND TENDER CARE WOULD HELP HER GET WELL!

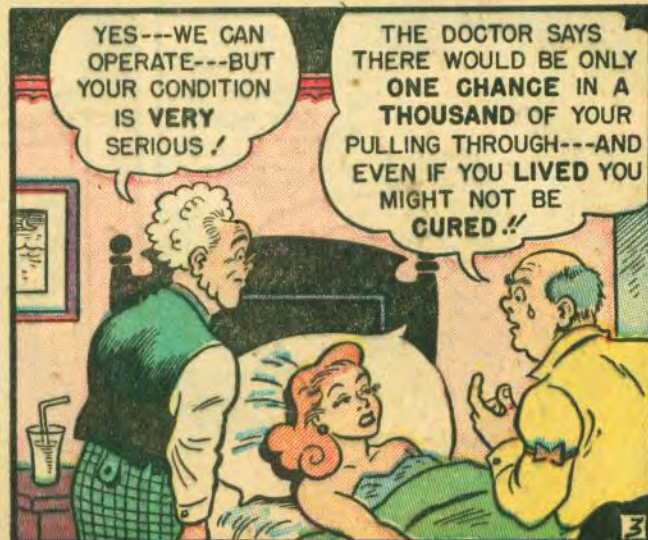
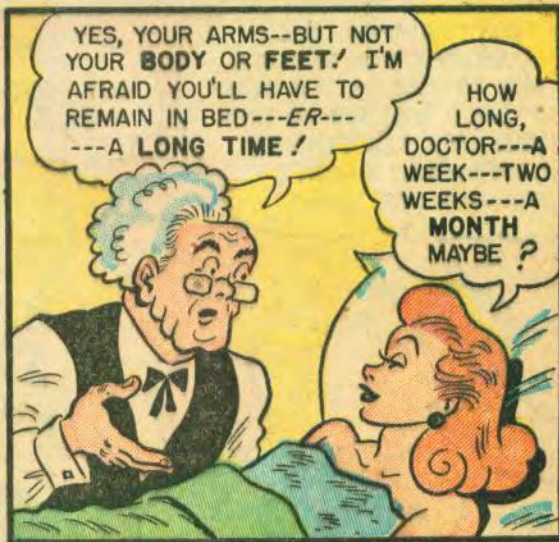
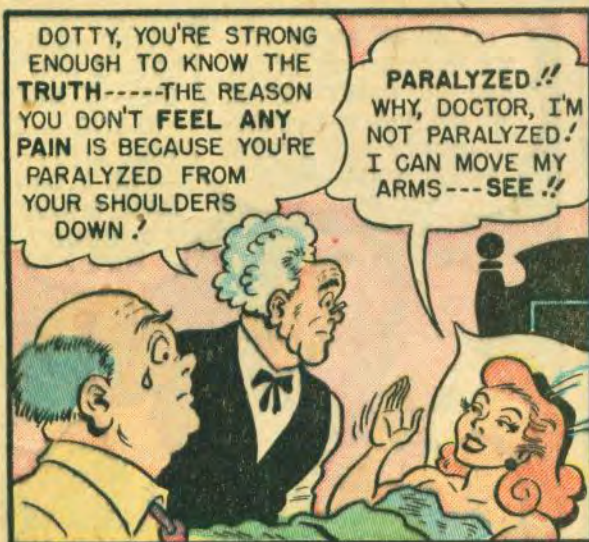
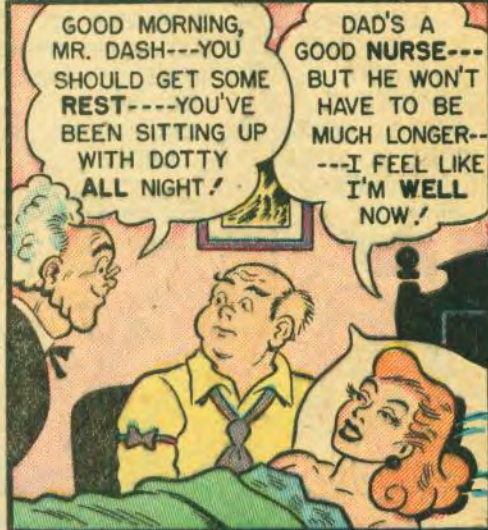
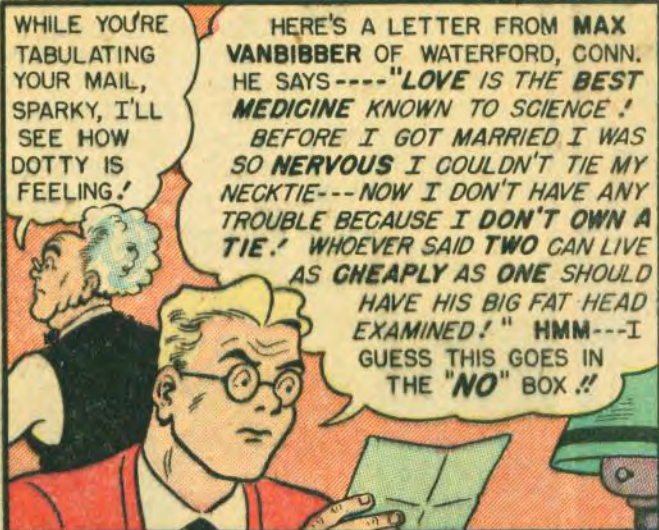
HERE'S ONE THAT'S ON MY SIDE----  
---"DEAR SPARKY, MARRY DOTTY! SHE'LL MAKE YOU A WONDERFUL WIFE! IF YOU DON'T WANT HER, **SEND FOR ME AT ONCE!** I'LL MARRY HER---  
---AND **HOW!!** **WOW!!!**  
BOB STUTEVOSS,  
SACRAMENTO, CALIF."

DA!

SLAP HAPPY

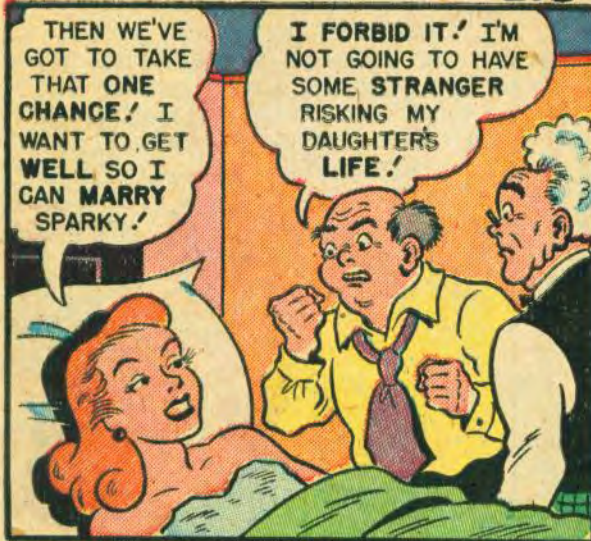


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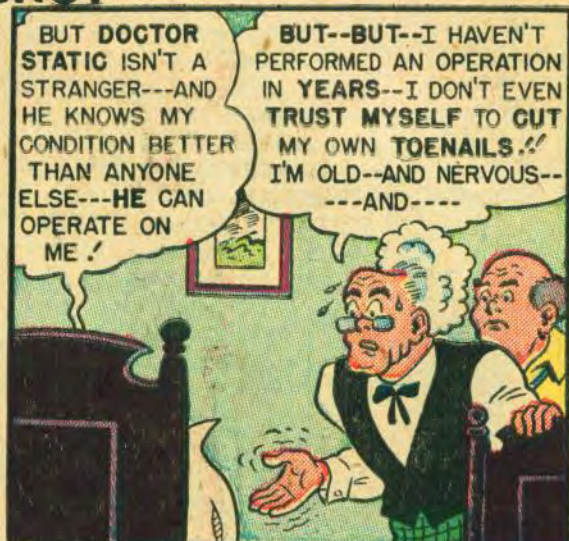


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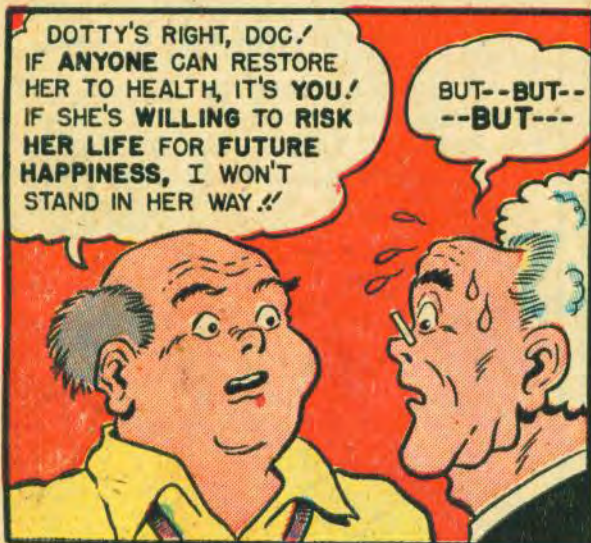
THEN WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT ONE CHANCE! I WANT TO GET WELL SO I CAN MARRY SPARKY!

I FORBID IT! I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE SOME STRANGER RISKING MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE!



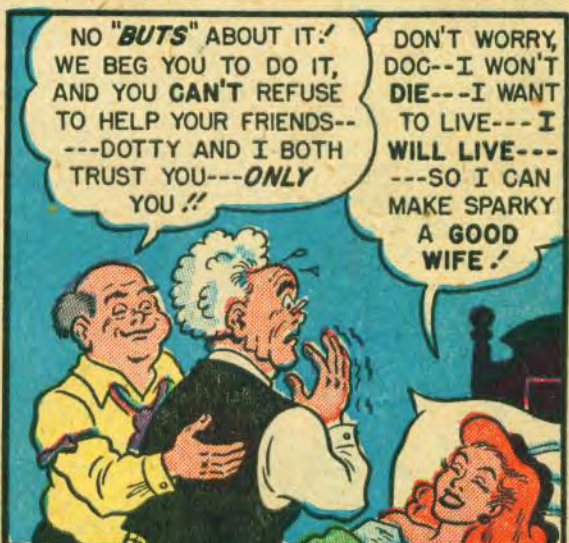
BUT DOCTOR STATIC ISN'T A STRANGER---AND HE KNOWS MY CONDITION BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE---HE CAN OPERATE ON ME!

BUT--BUT--I HAVEN'T PERFORMED AN OPERATION IN YEARS--I DON'T EVEN TRUST MYSELF TO CUT MY OWN TOENAILS!! I'M OLD--AND NERVOUS--  
---AND---



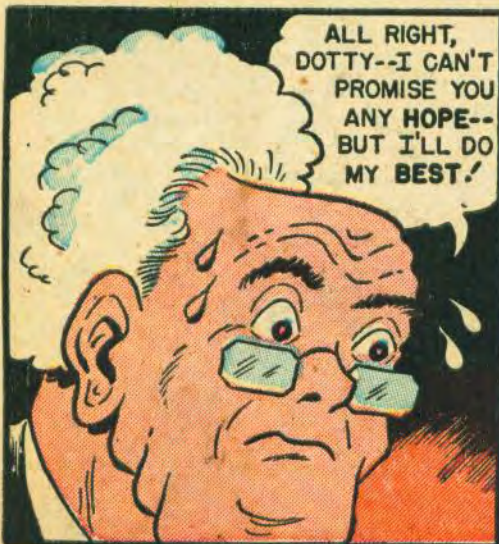
DOTTY'S RIGHT, DOC! IF ANYONE CAN RESTORE HER TO HEALTH, IT'S YOU! IF SHE'S WILLING TO RISK HER LIFE FOR FUTURE HAPPINESS, I WON'T STAND IN HER WAY!!

BUT--BUT--  
--BUT---

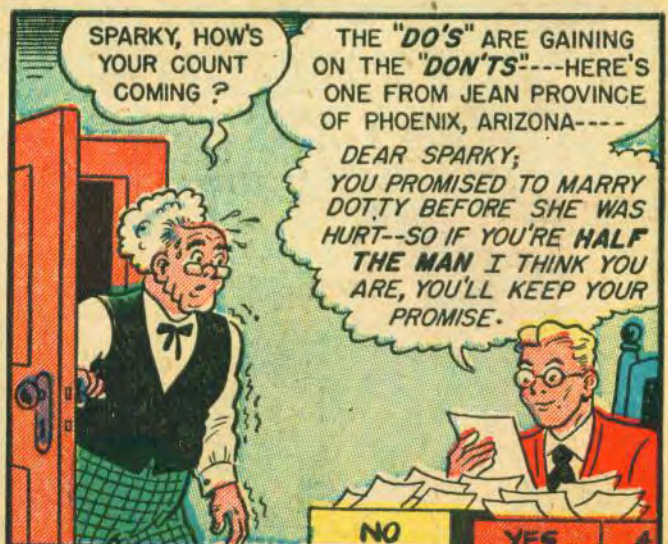


NO "BUTS" ABOUT IT! WE BEG YOU TO DO IT, AND YOU CAN'T REFUSE TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS--  
---DOTTY AND I BOTH TRUST YOU---**ONLY** YOU!!

DON'T WORRY, DOC--I WON'T DIE---I WANT TO LIVE---I WILL LIVE---  
---SO I CAN MAKE SPARKY A GOOD WIFE!



ALL RIGHT, DOTTY--I CAN'T PROMISE YOU ANY HOPE-- BUT I'LL DO MY BEST!



SPARKY, HOW'S YOUR COUNT COMING?

THE "DO'S" ARE GAINING ON THE "DON'TS"---HERE'S ONE FROM JEAN PROVINCE OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA---

DEAR SPARKY;  
YOU PROMISED TO MARRY DOTTY BEFORE SHE WAS HURT--SO IF YOU'RE HALF THE MAN I THINK YOU ARE, YOU'LL KEEP YOUR PROMISE.

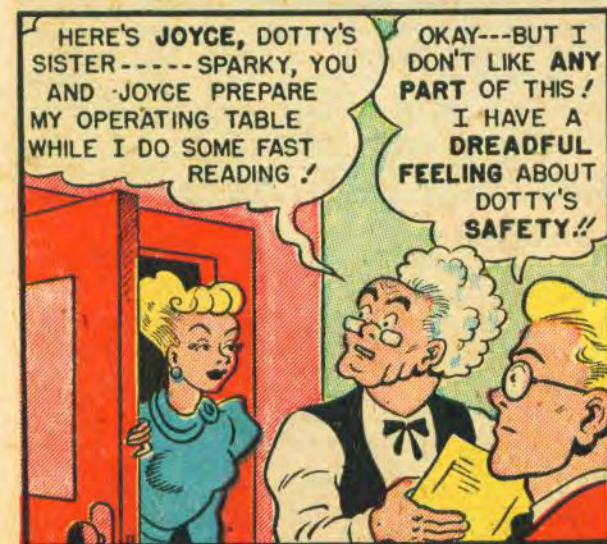
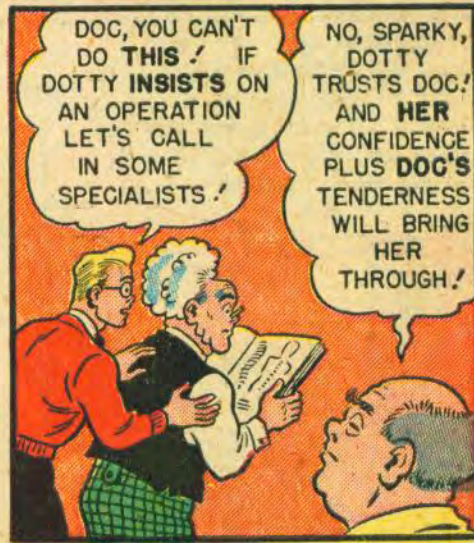
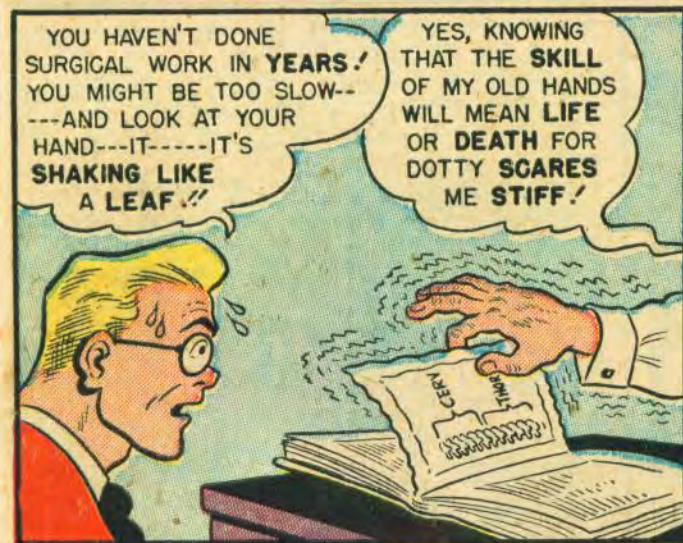
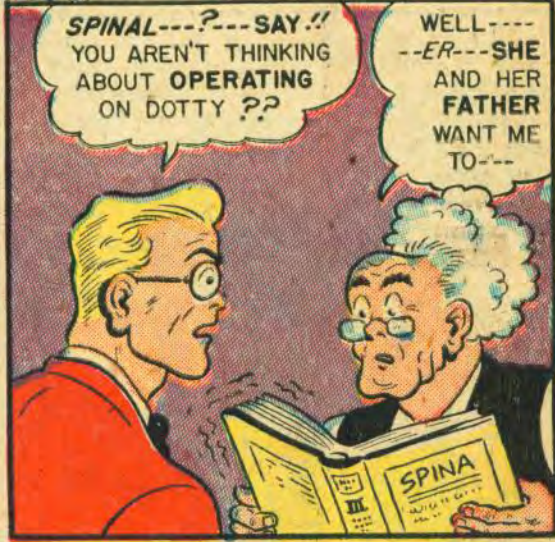
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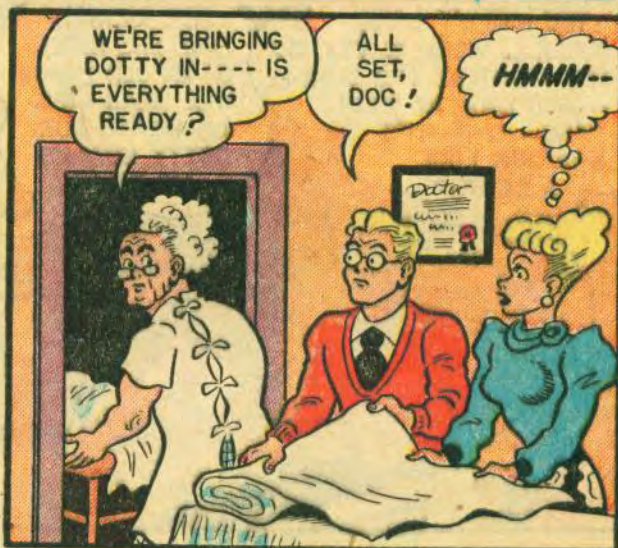


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WE HAVEN'T ROOM TO PRINT ALL THE LETTERS SPARKY HAS RECEIVED-----BUT OUR WARMEST THANKS FOR THE NICE LETTERS FROM FANS LISTED BELOW----

## HOW YOU VOTED

SPARKY **SHOULD** MARRY--

SPARKY **SHOULD NOT** MARRY--

JIM DOBBS.....ST. LOUIS, MO.  
RIDDY DODGE.....GARY, IND.  
SUE PLACE.....WICHITA, KAN.  
BOB BROWN....DALLAS, TEX.  
RAY CURTIS.....B'KLYN, N.Y.  
S. STANISLAUS.... "  
JOE MCGRAW..CHILDRESS, TEX.  
WM. MARCOWSKI.....PHILLY.  
EVA STONE....WESTBURY, N.Y.  
JUDY TOBIN....CASPER, WYO.  
S. DE BEAU...NEW ORLEANS

AL CARRENO....SANTA FE, N.M.  
NED MALONE....KANSAS CITY  
KATE DALLS.....EUGENE, ORE.  
FRANCIS FORD...DENVER, COLO.  
ALICE SHAW....PUEBLO, COLO.  
L.M. BLACK.....SAN ANTONIO  
R. ROSENFELD...ROSLYN, N.Y.

P.S. ANOTHER BATCH OF LETTERS HAS JUST ARRIVED. THE VOTE NOW STANDS AT 533 FOR----619 AGAINST.



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## Dixie Dugan

BY McEVY AND STRIEBEL

JOE — IN A WAY IT'S A SHAME TO KEEP ANIMALS PENNED UP LIKE THIS

OH IT IS, IS IT?

IF OSCAR HERE COULD TALK HE'D PROBABLY TELL YOU HOW ALL THE ANIMALS FEEL



I FORGOT TO CLOSE

THE DOOR ONE DAY—

BACK TO THE FOREST HE RAN —

IT FINALLY CAME TIME

FOR DINNER —

BOY, O-BOY, WOTTA BREAK

FREE FREE FREE WHEEE

HM — LET'S SEE — I GOTTA FIND SOME GRUB



AND DINNER TIME PASSED —

THEN — A HUNTER.

I KINDA MISS OLE JOE (SIGH)



A TRAP —



GOLLY — THEY ARE LUCKY — NO HUNTERS — TAXES — NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

NOPE — THEY JUST LIVE.

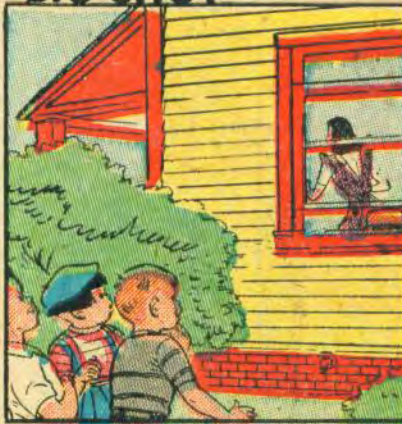




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*Dixie Dugan*  
BY McEVY AND STRIEBEL



WE GOTTA GET A HUNK O' THAT CAKE

YEH — BUT HOW?

???



I KIN SNEAK UP AND SNITCH A PIECE WIT ME JACK-KNIFE

UH-UH!

NAW



I GOTTA SWELLER IDEA 'N THAT —



I'LL BUMP IT ACCIDENTAL-LIKE AN' IT'LL FALL TO THE GROUND

BUT WE WANNA EAT IT, DUMMY!



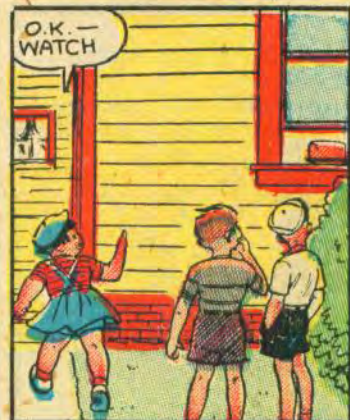
WE WILL, NUMBSKULL! DONTCHA SEE? THEY WON'T WANNA EAT IT — N'EN WE KIN CUT OFF TH' DIRTY PART

YEAH! YER A GEE-NIUS



I GOT TH' BESTUST IDEA OF ALL —

SCRAM! NO GALS GOT NO IDEAS

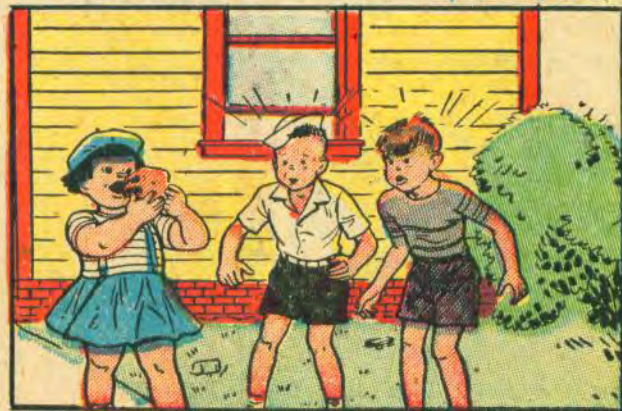


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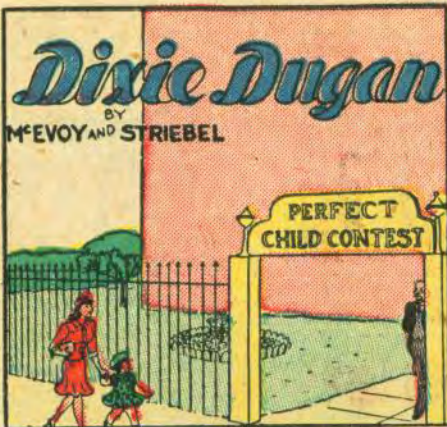


AUNTIE DIXIE, KIN I PLEASE HAVA PIECE UV YER LOVELY CAKE — YER TH' BESTUS CAKE BAKER IN TH' WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

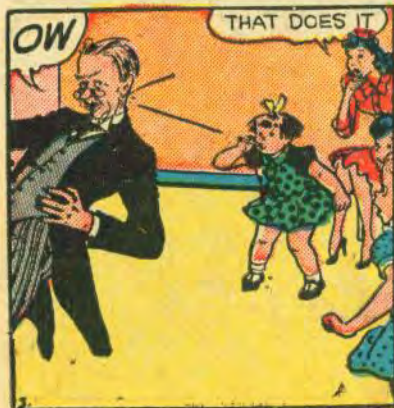
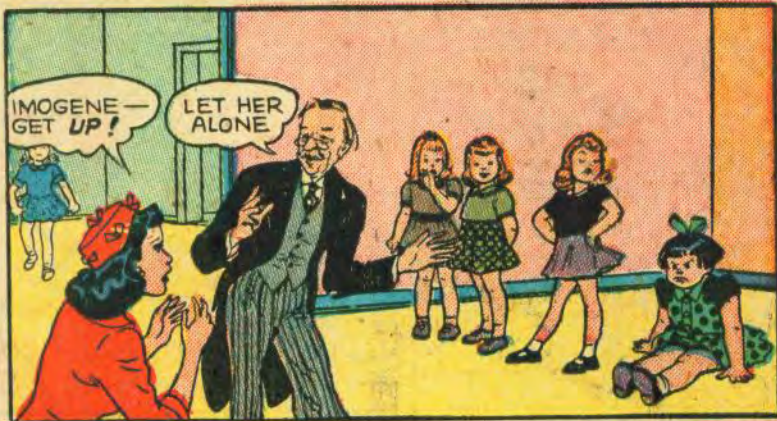
BLESS YOU, DARLIN' — OF COURSE YOU CAN







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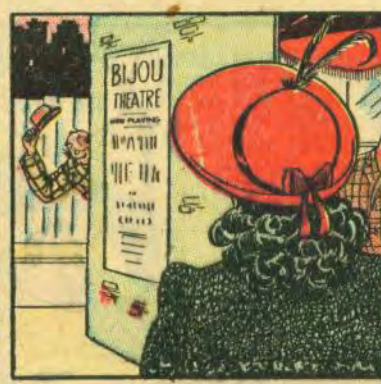
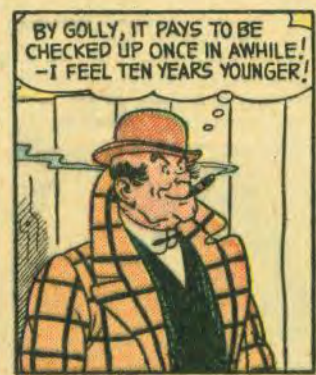
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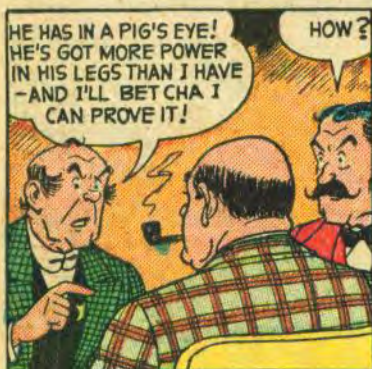
By Lank Leonard





# MICKEY FINN

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LATE LAST WINTER

I UNDERSTAND THAT PHIL HAS QUIT GOING TO THE GYM AT HIS LODGE, MICKEY?

YES, SERGEANT-HE DECIDED IT WAS TOO STRENUOUS - HE'S GOING TO REDUCE THE EASY WAY!



YOU MEAN HE'S REALLY GOING TO START EATING LESS FOOD?

OH, NO - NOT THAT! HE'S GOING TO A MASSEUR! SOMEBODY TOLD HIM THAT A GOOD ONE COULD RUB OFF A COUPLE OF POUNDS A DAY!



HA! THAT'S RICH! ALL THE MASSEURS IN THE COUNTRY COULDN'T RUB OFF HIS CORPORATION - NOT IN TWENTY YEARS!

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM! BUT HE WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR ONE JUST THE SAME!



OUR FEE IS \$25.00 A TREATMENT - OR \$200.00 FOR A SERIES OF TEN!

GOOD DAY!



THEY WANT \$25.00 A TREATMENT, EH? I'LL BET "ROUND HEEL" ROONEY WOULD DO IT FOR A COUPLE OF BUCKS!

"ROUND HEEL" ROONEY? THE OLD HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTER?



YEAH! HE'S OPENED A LITTLE GYM OVER ON JAY STREET - RIGHT NEXT TO DUGAN'S DINER!

LISTEN, PHIL - TAKE MY ADVICE AND KEEP AWAY FROM ROONEY! HE'S PUNCH DRUNK!



HE MAY BE A LITTLE PUNCHY, CLANCY, BUT HE'S A GREAT RUBBER! LOTS OF BOXERS AND JOCKEYS GO TO HIM WHEN THEY HAVE TROUBLE MAKIN' WEIGHT!

THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION, MONAHAN - I'LL GO OVER AND SEE HIM RIGHT NOW!



AND YOU GUARANTEE THAT YOU CAN RUB THIS CORPORATION OFF?

POZALOOTELY! SLIP INTA DESE TRUNKS SO I KIN GIVE YA A COMPLEX DIAGNOSES!



AS ME OLD PERFESSOR IN DE REFORM SCHOOL WOULD SAY - DIS IS DE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM WE HAVE YET FACED, ROONEY!

YEAH! ALL DESE ALBUMINEL MUSSELS HAS TO BE UNLOOSENED FOIST! WILL YA EXCUSE US, SHERIFF? WE GOTTA HOLD A LITTLE PRIVATE CONSULTOOSHEN!



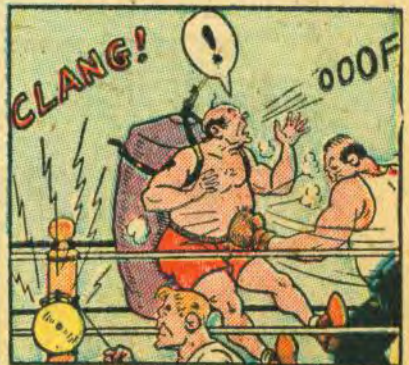
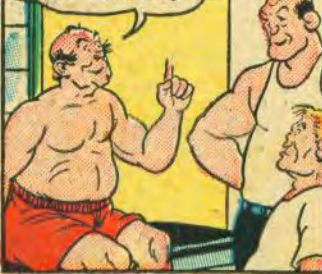
SOITENLY - I MEAN CERTAINLY!

IT'D BE DA QUICKEST WAY TO SOFTEN IT UP, ROONEY - AND AFTER ALL, HE'S ONLY PAYIN' TWO BUCKS!

DAT'S RIGHT - BUT FOIST WE'D BETTER CONVINCE HIM DAT HIS CASE CALLS FOR PLASTIC MEZZURES.



DO ANYTHING YOU WISH, ROONEY! I'M PLACING MYSELF COMPLETELY IN YOUR HANDS!





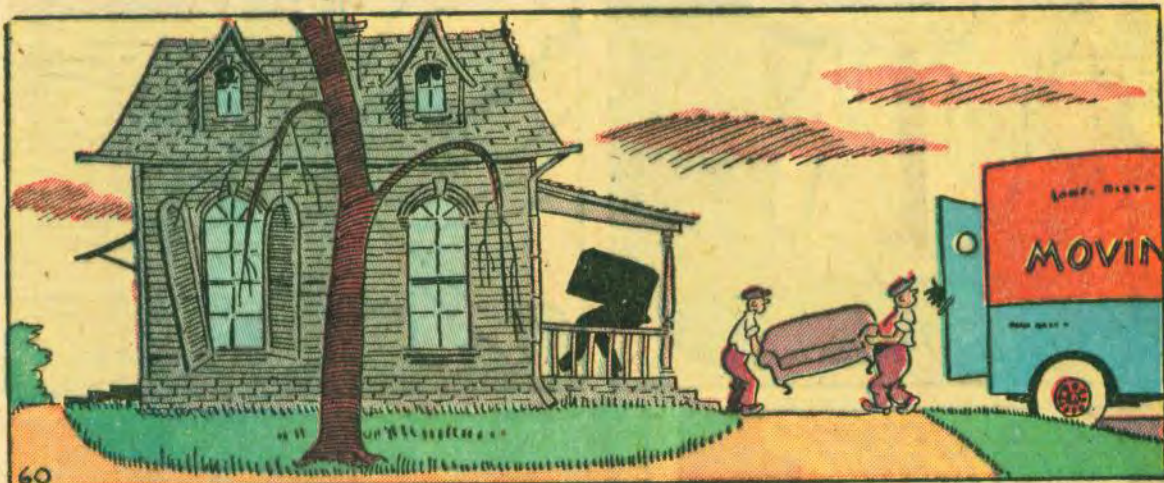
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# BIG SHOT BRASS KNUCKLES

by MARTY MARION

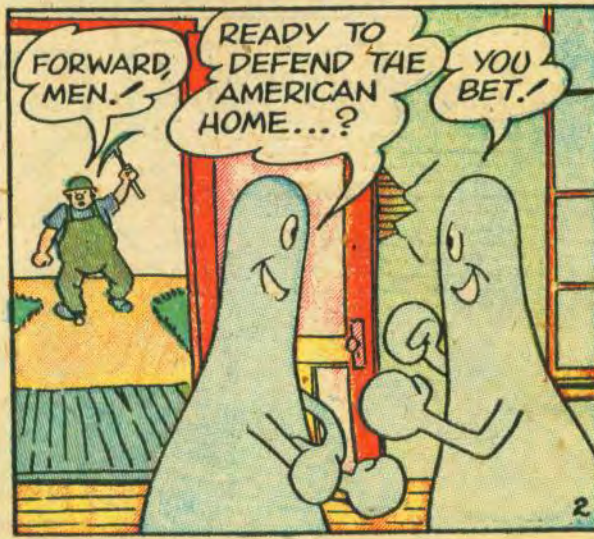
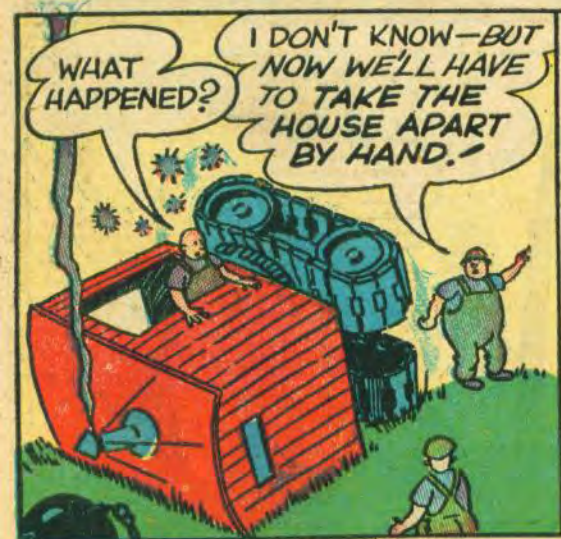
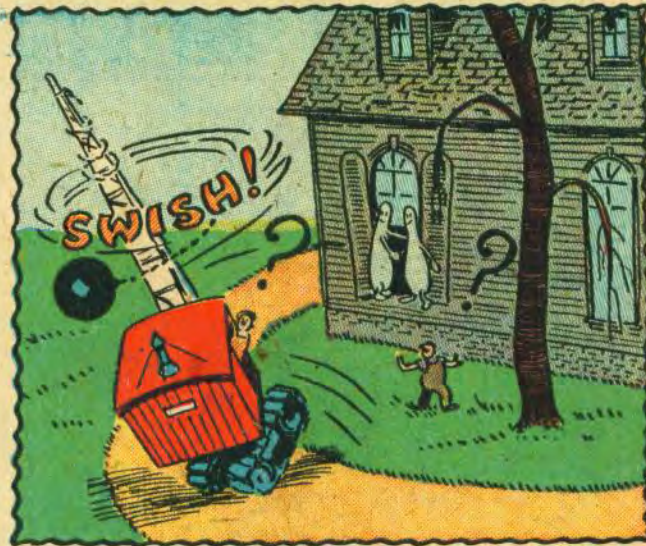
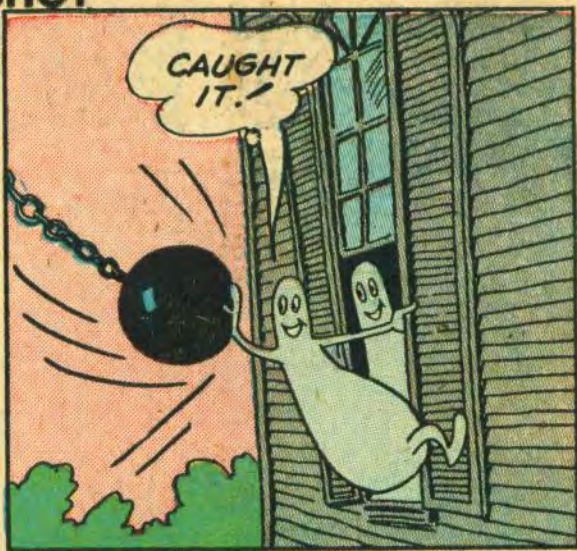


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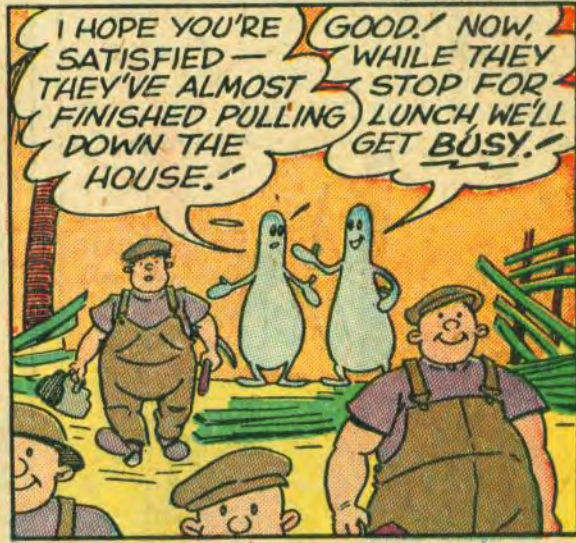
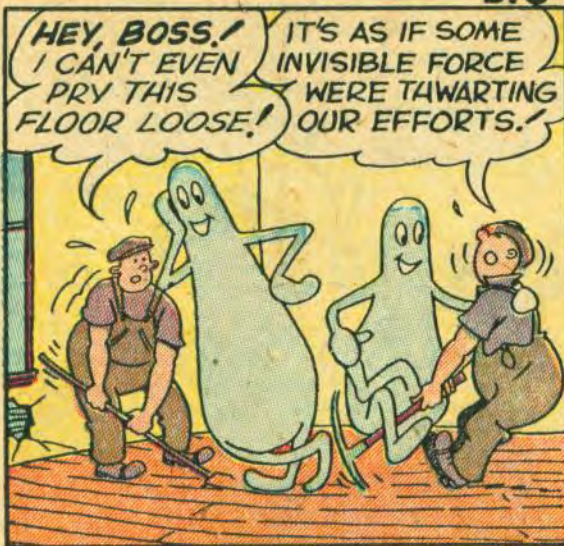


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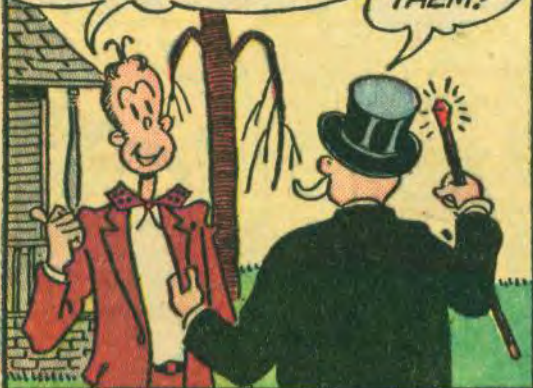
WHY ISN'T THE HOUSE TORN DOWN?... I PAID FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THIS PROPERTY!... AND I WANT MY FACTORY ERECTED IN A HURRY!!

BUT, MISTER MILLION BUCKS— EVERY TIME WE TEAR IT DOWN, THE HOUSE BUILDS ITSELF UP AGAIN.



HAHA! YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU TALK WITH FRANKIE AND DRACKY!

THEN LEAD ME TO THEM!



HAHAHA! DON'T BE AFRAID. THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF RETIRED MILLIONAIRES WHO LIKE TO PLAY GHOSTS.

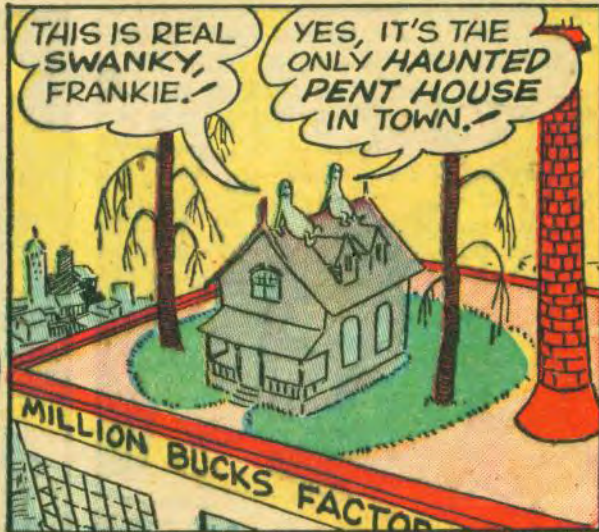


YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, DRACKY.



THIS IS REAL SWANKY, FRANKIE.

YES, IT'S THE ONLY HAUNTED PENT HOUSE IN TOWN.





# The Revolution Comes to Jamie Cuthbert

By MART BAILEY

JAMIE CUTHBERT, who had hoped some day to win the Heavyweight Boxing Championship of the British Empire and instead had won the hand of Dorothy Holliday and had contentedly settled down to the life of a Massachusetts farmer, did not hear the horseman at first. He was roused to wakefulness in the dark room by the squalling of his daughter, Dorothy, age three months and eleven days.

Groaning, he pulled together the six-foot-four inches of his huge, muscular frame and bounded out of the big feathered bed. His bare feet caught a splinter from the planked floor, and he hopped about on one foot fumbling for it, when he became aware, above the bawling of the infant, of a man shouting and a horse stamping the turf beneath his bedroom window.

"All right All right!" he shouted, his voice booming through the house. "Do you want to wake the house?" He opened the small latticed windows wider and leaned over the sill.

"Be careful, dear," cautioned his wife, holding the quietening baby in the shadows. "It may be some ruffian."

The night was dark — it was scarcely after midnight of April 19, 1775—so he did not immediately recognize the man in the tri-cornered hat who sat upon the impatiently sidling horse.

"General Gage has dispatched a force of 800 men to destroy our military stores at Concord," said the horseman, breathing hard. "They're also on the way to Parson Clarke's house to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams."

Jamie recognized him now. He was the dentist who had rigged a bit of ivory on a silver wire to replace Jamie's missing front tooth. A strange man—jack of all trades, metalsmith, engraver, artist, soldier, almost anything you could mention—a hothead named Paul Revere.

"What is that to me?" snapped Jamie.

The horseman had been about to dash away. He wheeled his impatient mount back to the house. "Don't you understand?" he bellowed.

"We need every man able to carry a musket to stop them. Liberty is in the balance tonight!"

Jamie made a derisive sound with his tongue. "It's my sleep is in the balance tonight," he complained. "Go rouse some other hotheads like yourself. I'm going back to bed."

As he started to pull in his head from the window, the front door downstairs opened and a giant of a man stepped out. It was his friend, Paddy Doyle, the Dublin Terror, who had been a second father to him and had taught him all he knew about boxing.

"Thank Heavens there's one man in the house!" spat Paul Revere, and roweled his horse's flanks with his spurs. The animal reared on its hind legs, and was off across the countryside as if pursued by seven demons.

Paddy Doyle looked up at the window. The night masked the grin on his fist-mashed face, but he waved the long musket invitingly. "Come on, Jamie-boy, or you'll miss the sport!"

"You ought to be ashamed," Jamie told him. "Are you going to fight our friends in England, too?"

"It's not our friends I fight," said Paddy Doyle, his voice husky in the darkness. "It's tyranny. Aye, and if there's trouble tonight, 'tis many a true Englishman will be standing shoulder to shoulder with me on the firing line. Hurry, Jamie-lad!"

"Hurry yourself," blurted Jamie Cuthbert. "You'll be in fit company among addle-pated idiots!"

He shut the latticed windows with a bang that set the baby crying again. For a few moments he stood there in his nightshirt, watching Paddy Doyle race across the fields. Beyond the rail fence, the old pugilist was joined by other running shadows. They would be farmers and farmhands from the neighborhood. Minute Men, they called themselves.

"Fools and madmen," Jamie Cuthbert muttered, climbing back into bed.



## BIG SHOT

IF HE HAD EXPECTED to drop right off to sleep again, Jamie was mistaken. Dorothy had quitted the baby, and all was silent in the night around the farm and the surrounding woods. But he couldn't get to sleep. He stared up at the attic rafters, just barely discernible in the darkness. Already he regretted the sharp words flung at his old friend.

The long friendship between him and Paddy Doyle, the battered old pugilist, was too precious, too heart-warming, too necessary to his contentment, to be thrown away in a hot temper. Yet he put the blame on Paddy for being such a fool, and cuddled his own hurt feelings under a blanket of self-righteousness.

Tonight's swiftly moving events had not been unexpected. For months they had been discussed and planned, and not in whispers. Everyone knew what was coming; or, rather, thought they knew what was coming. Few even remotely suspected that their actions would finally create a new nation out of thirteen niggling colonies. Paddy and Jamie had talked the matter practically to death, with themselves and their neighbors. At first, like Jamie, Paddy was indifferent, inclined to scoff good-humoredly. He had no doubt about any demonstration of feeling being quickly put down by the militia. But the firebrands' wild talk kindled his Irish heart until it flamed. Jamie, on the other hand, remained coldly unable to see any sense in the growing anger. He had done with fighting; he had never fought, anyway, except with his fists in the prize-ring; he was a peaceful farmer now, desiring only prosperity for his crops and his herds and his family. Paddy forgave him. He realized, that the young Scot did not know, as he did at first hand, that tyranny could destroy all those things and turn a man into a hunted animal simply because he wanted to go to his own church on Sundays.

As he lay on the enormous four-poster bed, his brain fuming with annoying thoughts, the drum of horses' hooves again pounded across his fields. On his front door sounded heavy raps, as of a rifle butt hammered against the panels.

"Open up!" demanded a voice accustomed to being opened.

The baby started crying again, and Jamie Cuthbert angrily flung himself out of bed and crossed to the window:

"What do you want now?" he shouted down, and then saw that this disturber of his night's rest was not Paul Revere, as he had expected. Even in the blue nocturnal gloom he recognized the lanky, rapier-straight frame of Squire Kingsman, whom he called, with good reason, "the long-legged snake." The Squire was accompanied by two red-coated infantrymen. Evidently they belonged to the small clump of troops whom

Jamie now saw halted and at ease on the other side of the meadow.

"That you, Master Cuthbert?" snapped the Squire, sitting erect upon his prancing mount—a spirited black horse named *Satan*, as undependable and wicked as the Squire himself. "It's lucky you are to be home tonight and not abroad with the rebels."

Disappointment rang in the Squire's voice, and Jamie Cuthbert knew why. The Squire had never forgiven him for marrying Dorothy Holliday. He still looked for ways to bedevil the young Scot. If Jamie had not been at home, as the other militia men could have testified, he would have been arrested on sight and hurried along to the gallows.

"And why am I lucky?" asked Jamie, leaning out the window. "That is, besides being the husband of Dorothy Holliday?" he added, unable to restrain the thrust.

He never knew whether it was the horse or the Squire that snorted in the darkness.

"Because within the hour your rebel friends will be dead," sneered the Squire. "We ride to spring the trap that comes of knowing where they plan to gather their forces."

THE SQUIRE trotted off in the darkness, followed by the two riflemen on foot. Long after the last hoofbeat had died on the cool night air, Jamie Cuthbert remained at the open window. His nostrils filled with the smells of Spring blossoming over the earth. Except for Dorothy lullabying the baby, all was quiet. The world seemed at peace. That momentous events were afoot, that soon would be fired "the shot heard 'round the world," seemed incredible.

"Are you going to stand there all night?" asked Dorothy, gently.

Jamie said nothing. He was thinking of Paddy Doyle and the farmers and farmhands with him. Fools and madmen, he had called them. But they were all good men. Good men. His friends. Could they be wrong and an unchanged rogue like Squire Kingsman be right? It was unthinkable. And they were doomed. Squire Kingsman and his militia were marching to spring the trap.

Jamie turned as Dorothy touched his arm. He made out the dim outline of her sweet face in the darkness.

"You still have time to warn them," she whispered. "By the time you have saddled the horse I'll have your mustket and pistols ready."

Jamie Cuthbert kissed his wife. "Paddy and the others are Minute Men," he whispered with a chuckle. "I'm a Half-Hour Man myself!"

THE END



# BO

BY FRANK BECK

BO  
AND  
JUNIOR  
HAVE  
AIDED  
THE  
POLICE  
IN  
CAPTURING  
TWO  
GUNPOWDER  
HOARDERS



AND I HAVE TO DRINK  
OUT OF GUTTERS. I'VE  
JUST GOT TO FIGURE OUT  
A WAY OF GETTING  
HIM IN BAD.



OH BOY! I'VE JUST THOUGHT  
OF A SWELL WAY TO GET  
BO IN BAD WITH ALL THE  
NEIGHBORS. I'LL TAKE  
THAT TIN HERO  
DOWN A PEG.





# BIG SHOT

HE SURE KNOWS  
HIS WAY AROUND  
THESE SIDE STREETS  
AND BACK ALLEYS.



WE'RE ALMOST  
THERE, BO.

OH BOY, AM I  
GOING TO GET  
BO IN BAD!



HERE WE ARE IN  
THE PARK... NOW  
WHERE IS THE  
BIKE PATH?



IT'S MORE FUN IF YOU  
PICK OUT THE ONES  
WHO ARE JUST  
LEARNING TO  
RIDE.



NOW I'LL CHASE THE  
NEXT ONE AND YOU  
WATCH WHAT  
HAPPENS.



LOOK OUT!  
GO AWAY OR  
YOU'LL BE RUN  
OVER!



THERE SHE GOES INTO  
THE CURB... NOW IF I  
CAN GET BO DOING  
THIS HE'LL SOON LOSE  
HIS HERO RATING.



I DIDN'T  
SEE ANY  
FUN IN THAT.  
WHAT'S THE  
IDEA?

WELL... SHE  
DIDN'T YELL  
AND MAKE AS  
MUCH FUSS  
AS MOST OF  
THEM DO.





# BIG SHOT

I'LL PICK OUT ANOTHER ONE AND TRY IT, AND YOU WATCH AGAIN.



SO! ANOTHER POOCH THAT WANTS TO SEE A WATER PISTOL IN ACTION!



THERE'S A LITTLE AMMONIA IN IT TO MAKE THE FLAVOR LAST.



OUCH! MY EYES BURN... AND I SWALLOWED SOME OF IT, TOO. PHOOIE !!

AND YOU CALL THAT FUN... I STILL DON'T GET IT, TRIX.



THAT BICYCLIST MADE A SAP OUT OF ME IN FRONT OF BO WITH HIS AMMONIA PISTOL. I'VE GOT TO GET THIS STUFF OUT OF MY EYES AND STOP CRYING.



THAT POND WILL DO THE TRICK. THEN I CAN START THINKING OF A WAY TO GET BO IN BAD...



COME ON, LET'S TAKE A SWIM IN THAT POND, BO!

THEY DON'T ALLOW DOGS IN THE PARK LAKES.



WHO CARES. THERE'S NOBODY AROUND BUT THAT TRAMP.

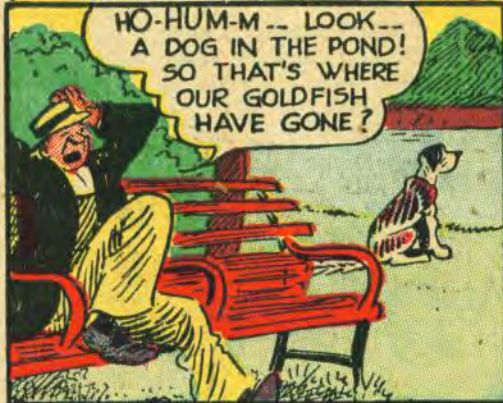




OUCH... MY EYES...  
THE WATER IS WASHING  
THAT STUFF INTO 'EM.  
I'VE GOT TO GET  
OUT OF HERE ---



HO-HUM-M... LOOK...  
A DOG IN THE POND!  
SO THAT'S WHERE  
OUR GOLDFISH  
HAVE GONE?



GET OUT OF  
THERE YOU...  
YOU...YOU  
GOLDFISH  
KILLER...



GOING IN SWIMMING  
TO GET RID OF THAT  
AMMONIA WASN'T SO  
GOOD. IT'S RUNNING  
INTO MY EYES! I  
CAN'T SEE!



GOSH THAT MAN IS  
MAD. TRIX KNEW DOGS  
AREN'T ALLOWED IN  
PARK PONDS... I  
HOPE HE GETS  
AWAY...



TRYING TO GET  
AWAY  
ON THE  
OTHER  
SIDE, EH!  
I'LL FOOL  
HIM...



THIS AMMONIA IN  
MY EYES IS AWFUL.  
I CAN'T SEE...  
I'M SWIMMING  
IN CIRCLES!



RUN ME AROUND  
THE POND...  
- I'LL FIX  
YOU...





TRIX SURE HAS NERVE --  
LOOK HOW HE'S TEASING  
THAT MAN. I'D BE SO  
SCARED I'D GET  
RIGHT OUT.



!!☆!! NO DOG CAN MAKE A  
FOOL OUT OF ME. I'LL GO AND  
GET GUS TO  
HELP ME.



YOU'D BETTER  
BEAT IT. WITH A  
MAN ON EACH SIDE  
TO GRAB YOU, IT'S  
TOO RISKY.

I CAN'T  
SEE. THAT  
AMMONIA  
IS IN MY  
EYES!



I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE KIDDING HIM!  
YOU MEAN ---OH  
MY GOSH!!



WHERE  
ARE YOU,  
BO?



I NEED HELP TO CATCH  
THAT POOCH IN THE  
FISH POND!

I CAN'T  
LEAVE THIS  
NOW. LATER  
MAYBE?



HERE I AM, TRIX. GRAB  
HOLD OF MY TAIL AND I'LL  
GUIDE YOU ASHORE. THAT  
PARK WATCHMAN WILL  
BE BACK WITH HELP SO  
MAKE IT SNAPPY.

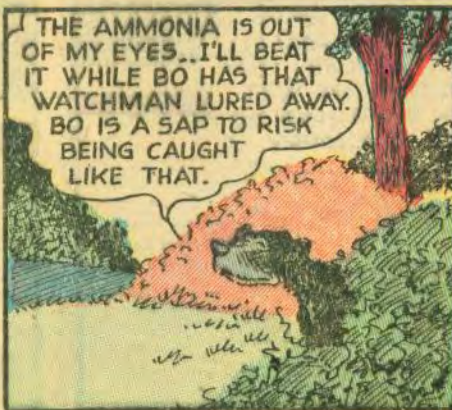
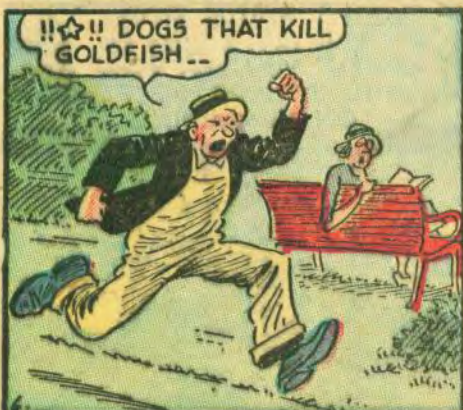
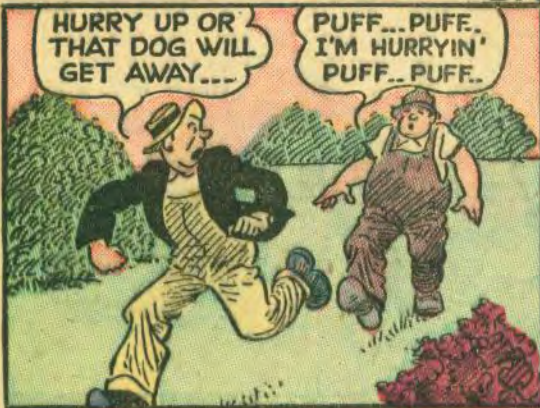


OUCH! YOU'RE BITING  
MY TAIL OFF. I SAID I'D  
GUIDE YOU, NOT TOW  
YOU ASHORE. KEEP  
ON SWIMMING





# BIG SHOT





BIG SHOT

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by MART BAILEY



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AND A CANE, THRUST DEFTLY BETWEEN HIS FLYING LEGS, PITCHES HIM OVER THE COBBLE-STONES.





# BIG SHOT



YOU WHO HAVE READ THE TONY TRENT BOOK NO.3 HAVE ALREADY MET THIS SINISTER MAN....

CAN YOU GUESS WHO HE IS BEFORE TONY TRENT DOES?





# BIG SHOT



I AM A FRIEND.  
DON'T YOU  
UNDERSTAND?  
—A FRIEND!

MAGNIFICENT!  
A SUPERB  
PARRY!



YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT  
SWORDSMAN, M'SIEUR!  
...FORGIVE MY MISTAKING  
YOU FOR ONE OF THOSE  
CUTTHROATS!

LISTEN....  
FOOTSTEPS!  
SOMEONE RUN-  
NING DOWN  
THE ALLEY  
THIS WAY—



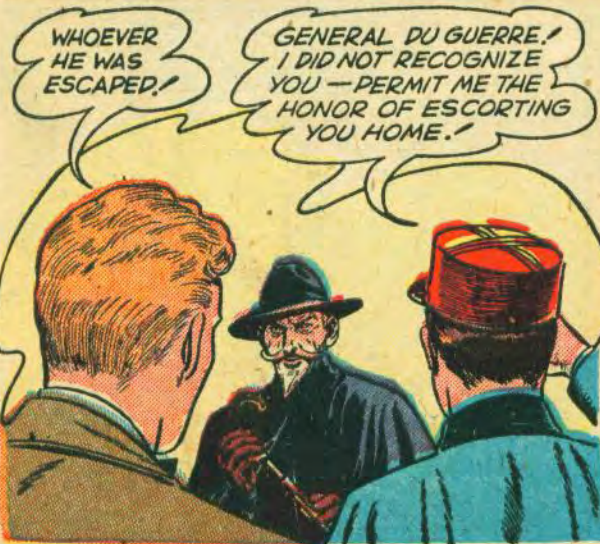
GENDARMES!

GLAD YOU CAME, OFFICERS!  
THE OTHERS SEEM TO HAVE  
FLED— BUT YOU'LL FIND  
THE RINGLEADER LYING IN  
THE SHADOWS OVER THERE...



NO ONE IS  
HERE, M'SIEUR—

THAT EVIL LAUGH  
—DO YOU HEAR IT?  
—MOCKING US FROM  
THE ROOFTOPS!



WHOEVER  
HE WAS  
ESCAPED!

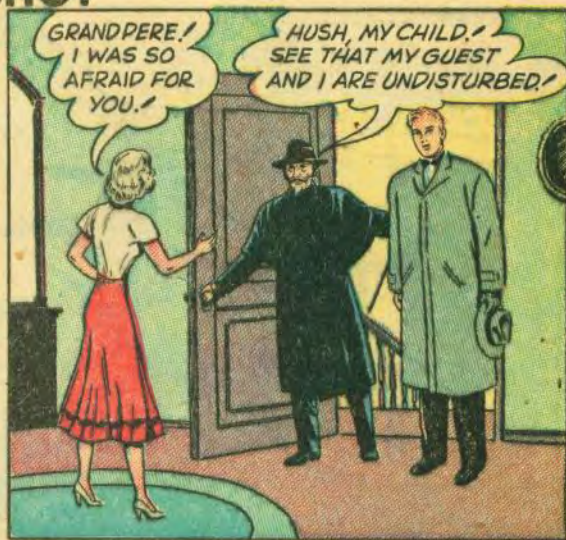
GENERAL DU GUERRE!  
I DID NOT RECOGNIZE  
YOU — PERMIT ME THE  
HONOR OF ESCORTING  
YOU HOME!



MERCI! BUT MY FRIEND IS WALKING  
HOME WITH ME —AND TOGETHER WE  
CAN ROUT ALL THE  
IN PARIS — IN THE WHOLE WORLD!



# BIG SHOT





# BIG SHOT



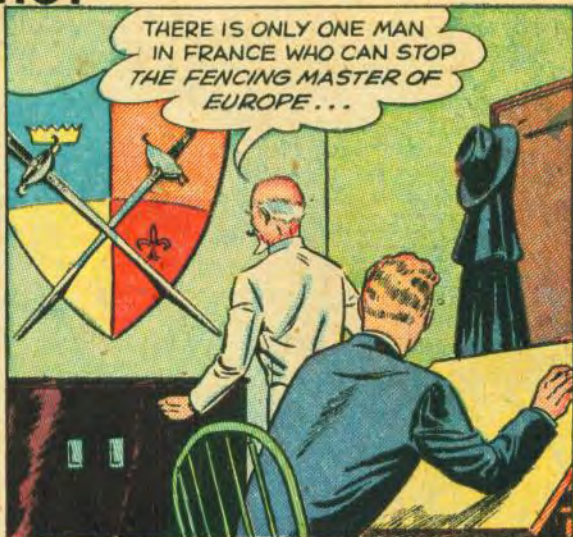


# BIG SHOT

ALORS! THE FACE IS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE EARTH, FIGHTING THEM IN CHINA...



THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN IN FRANCE WHO CAN STOP THE FENCING MASTER OF EUROPE...

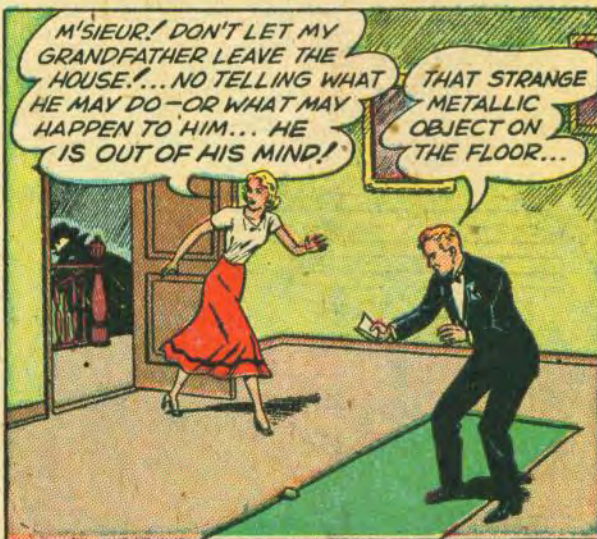


I - GENERAL DU GUERRE - CHAMPION SWORDSMAN OF THE WORLD!



M'SIEUR! DON'T LET MY GRANDFATHER LEAVE THE HOUSE... NO TELLING WHAT HE MAY DO - OR WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO HIM... HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND!

THAT STRANGE METALLIC OBJECT ON THE FLOOR...



M'SIEUR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FORGIVE ME, MADEMOISELLE! YOUR GRANDFATHER NEGLECTED TO SAY THE NOTE CAME WRAPPED IN WHAT ONLY COULD BE A SMALL BOMB - PRIMED TO EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT!



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